

Remarks

Oath/Declaration

Enclosed herewith is a new declaration to support the application. This new declaration identifies the second inventor (John Michael Haegler Koerble) as a citizen of the United States, and is supported by the first page of the original specification and reasonable inference from the original declaration indicating "Yes" in the Citizenship box.

In response to the examiners request for clarification:

- the surname of the second inventor is "Haegler Koerble" as shown in the applicable box of the original and new declarations, and

- the new declaration correctly identifies the first inventor's residence in Beloit, WI.

Drawings

The original drawing was objected to by the examiner.

The substitute drawings are presented to better comply with statutory requirements and format guidelines. It is believed the substitute drawings are fully supported by the original specification and drawings, and do not include new matter.

The substitute drawings show the invention in perspective, both in an exploded state as originally filed and as assembled together, as well as side, back and top views of the invention, and a perspective view of the invention in use with a band saw.

Formal drawings will be filed following allowance of the application.

For the examiner's convenience, a copy the original drawing marked-up with blue ink is attached hereto, with the reference numerals of the original specification "X-ed" out and the corresponding reference numerals of the substitute specification written adjacent thereto.

Specification

The specification was objected to under 35 U.S.C. § 112, 1st paragraph.

The substitute specification is presented to better comply with statutory requirements and format guidelines. It is believed that the substitute specification is fully supported by the original disclosure, and that it does not include new matter.

The substitute specification more clearly identifies the elements originally numbered 10, 11, 12, and 13 in the original specification as:

Number in Original Specification	Number in Substitute Specification	Description
10	54	mounting nut
11	46	threaded drive screw
12	52	lock nut
13	50	handle

Claim Rejections under 35 USC § 112

Claims 1-4 were rejected by the examiner under 35 U.S.C. § 112, 2nd paragraph.

In view of the cancellation of claims 1-4, applicants assume this rejection is no longer of concern to the examiner.

It is believed that claims 5-9 comply with the requirements of 35 U.S.C. § 112, 2nd paragraph.

Claim Rejections under 35 USC § 102

Claims 1-4, as understood, were also rejected by the examiner under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Woods, U.S. Patent 4,658,686; and Masuy, U.S. Patent 2,597,355.

In view of the cancellation of claims 1-4, applicants assume this rejection is no longer of concern to the examiner.

As regards claims 5-9:

Woods discloses an angularly adjustable miter gage provided with a lock rod adapted for clamping against a workpiece with a

knob. Woods does not disclose the present invention as defined in the claims 5-9, including a workpiece holder that is transversely adjustable with respect to the guide bar.

Masuy relates to automated movement of the log carrier adapted for saw mill operations, and does not disclose or suggest the present invention as now presented in claims 5-9.

In view of the foregoing, it is believed that the claims 5-9 patentably distinguish over the prior art and that the application and claims are in a condition for allowance.

If the Examiner, after considering this application in light of the present amendment, feels that a response to the amendment should be a final rejection of the application, and if he feels that a discussion with applicant's attorney might serve as a means of avoiding such a rejection and advancing the prosecution of this application to a favorable termination, the examiner is respectfully requested to phone the undersigned attorney and to accord said attorney an opportunity of discussing this application before same is disposed of by a final rejection. The Examiner is assured of complete cooperation in the event that such courtesy is extended.

Respectfully submitted,


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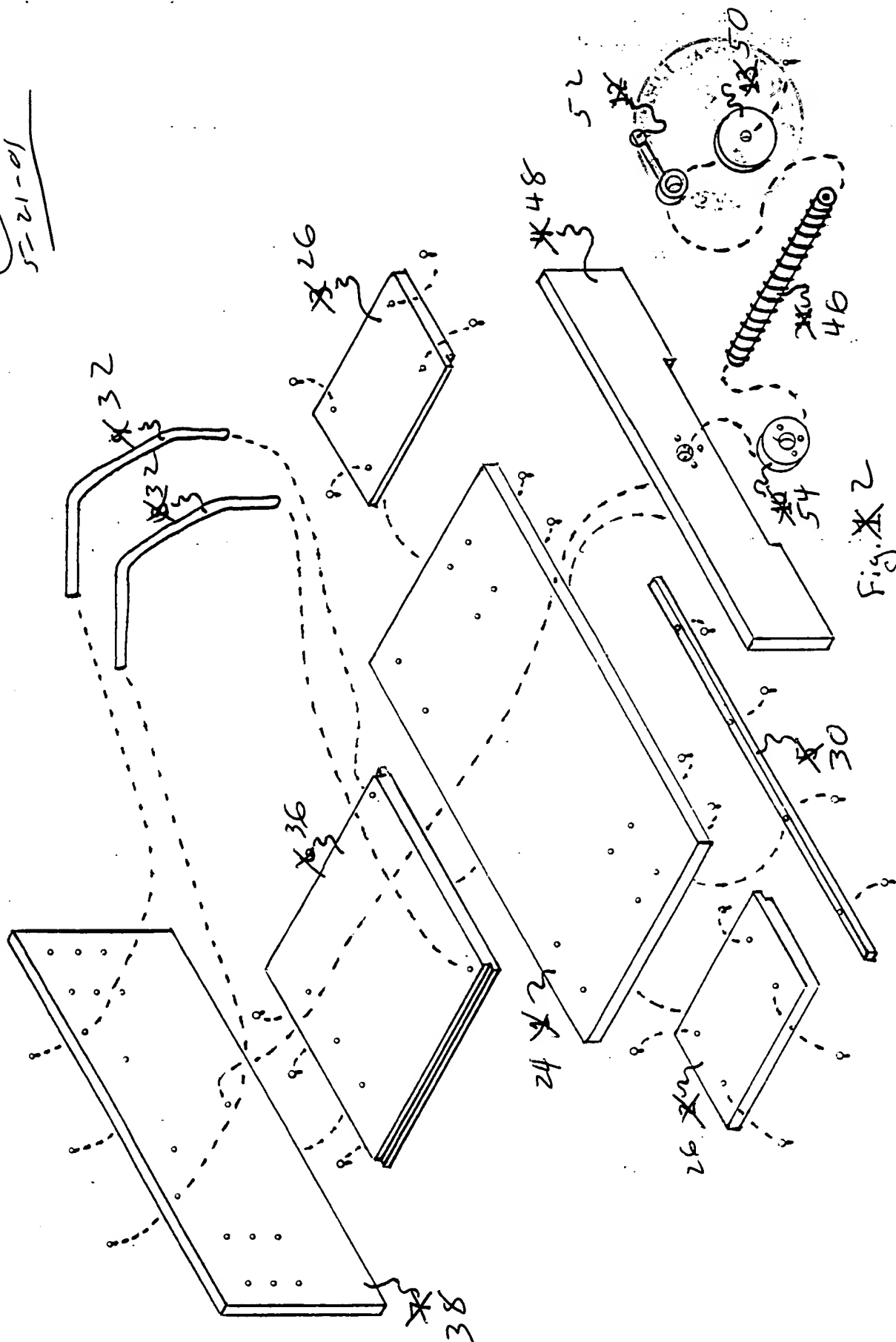


Fig. 2